



## Quality of Life -

### Homeless Services and Mission Samoa Featured on Good Day Sacramento

KMAX-31 Good Day Sacramento got wind of the City's efforts to work in partnership with Mission Samoa and leverage limited resources that provide long-term solutions to homelessness – specifically the City's new Homeless to Work Program. Councilmember Chuck Timm and Mission Samoa Program Manager Cliff Parker were featured by Dina Kupfer Friday morning. [News clip 1](#) [News clip 2](#)



Timm and Parker were given the opportunity to highlight the many services Mission Samoa provides to those in need in Fairfield, and the current and upcoming projects the City and Mission Samoa are working toward in partnership to permanently reduce homelessness. Thank you, Mission Samoa!

### Homeless Outreach Event Update

On April 14, the City's Homeless Services Division and Police Homeless Intervention Team partnered with Solano County Behavioral Health Community Integration Services Team and Resource Connect Solano to host the second free homeless Outreach Event from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm.



The pop-up type event was held at 2100 North Texas Street in Fairfield to connect homeless to screenings and referrals for mental health, Cal-fresh, MediCal, ID assistance, substance abuse, consultation for housing options, and other supportive services. City Church was also on site providing meals for 30 homeless individuals and families who attended.

### Homeless Services Division and Housing Department Ohio Shelter Operator RFP Update



On March 31, the Homeless Services Division in collaboration with the Housing Department released a Request for Proposals (RFP) to invite qualified and experienced organizations to submit a written proposal to become the shelter operator at the Ohio Street Shelter. This week, the Homeless Services Division and the Housing Department worked together to respond to inquiries from three potential providers. The Questions and Answers (Q&A) responses can be found on the Homeless Services webpage at [www.fairfield.ca.gov/thewayhome](http://www.fairfield.ca.gov/thewayhome). The submission deadline for this RFP is due April 19 at 5 PM.



## Quality of Life Continued-

### YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

#### LITTLE FREE LIBRARY (FUN ON THE RUN)

The Parks & Recreation Department is excited to partner with Cordelia Rotary to bring the "Little Free Library" to our Fun on the Run program. Little Free Library is a book sharing movement that promotes neighborhood book exchanges as a way to build community.



The Fun on the Run library will be stocked with books for all ages in both English and Spanish. Participants will be encouraged to borrow a book to read during the program or take one home to read with their families.



In order to make the traditionally stationary library box fit the mobile Fun on the Run model, the department enlisted the help of Ken Snyder and Dave Maupin from the Adult Recreation Center Woodshop Club. In a matter of days, Ken and Dave created the mobile Little Free Library complete with wheels to allow it to be rolled on-and-off of the truck and be available to kids at different parks and apartments throughout Fairfield. Learn more about the woodshop [here](#)!

A big thank you to Ken and Dave and Cordelia Rotary for the efforts to bring this program to life!

### Adopt a Street—Keeping Fairfield Beautiful

Fairfield Cannabis Collective adopted Alaska Avenue for a two-year period. Ana Petero and Erin Steiger are holding a community cleanup at Fermi Drive and Lopes Road on May 1 from 10-12. All Adopt-A-Park and Adopt-A-Street groups were encouraged to hold cleanups during the month of April in honor of Earth Day! #KeepingFairfieldBeautiful #CleanUpSolano





## Public Safety -

### Reduce Crime and Fear of Crime

**On April 10**, officers responded to the report of a robbery at Walgreens at 1955 West Texas Street. The store employee was attacked by a homeless subject who was stealing items and ultimately fled. Officers were able to work with the employee and locate the suspect. The individual was arrested for robbery, public intoxication, and a violation of his probation.



**On April 11**, officers were dispatched to the report of a subject brandishing a knife at Walmart employees on North Texas Street. Upon their arrival, officers located the subject with the knife. The subject refused to drop the knife and a short standoff ensued. Officers negotiated with the subject for several minutes until he ultimately discarded the knife and was taken into custody. This individual was arrested for carrying a concealed dagger, brandishing a knife, being drunk in public, and resisting arrest.

### Strengthen Personnel Resiliency and Wellness

A POST audit was conducted of our training and background files. Our Personnel and Training Unit is doing a fantastic job, which was indicative of the audit results, especially amid the COVID pandemic. We are establishing a Recruitment Plan to help with our recruitment and retention efforts. The first stage, an employee satisfaction survey for 0-5 year employees, was sent out this week. We are working on our messaging content to help capture qualified applicants and match our community's diversity.

### **National Dispatch Appreciation Week!**

This week we celebrated National Dispatch Appreciation Week. The Fairfield Police and Fire Department currently have 17 dispatchers who work, day and night to ensure Fairfield has 24/7 service throughout the community. They dispatch police, fire and medical calls.



They often provide critical medical instructions to frantic community members during the early stages of a crisis, increasing the positive outcome of life.

In 2020, our dispatchers handled over 233,552 calls for service on the non-emergency line, and over 106,367 emergency calls for service to 9-1-1. Constantly heard, but rarely seen, public safety dispatchers are the calm, unseen force that ensures vital help gets where it is needed. It takes a special kind of mental strength to listen to all they hear, and consistently work to help others through some of the worst days of their lives and for that, we salute them.



## Public Safety Continued -



### Structure Fire

On Tuesday afternoon, Fairfield Fire units responded to a reported structure fire on Fifth St. First-arriving units reported light smoke from the front of a single-story home. Units found a fire on the stove that had extended to the cabinets above. Fire was knocked down and the kitchen was overhauled. Residents were placed in contact with Red Cross, which provided shelter due to the home being uninhabitable.



The cause of the fire appears to be accidental due to unattended cooking oil. The majority of the damage was limited to the kitchen, with smoke damage throughout the home. The building department was on the scene; with structural damage being minor, they were released. PD assisted with the evacuation of neighboring residents. Damage estimate of \$40,000. No residents or firefighters were injured.

## Community & Economic Development -



### General Plan Update – Pop-Up Outreach

On Saturday, April 17, the general plan team held an outreach event targeting the Spanish-speaking community of Fairfield at the Super La Favorita Meat Market. This was the first in-person event for the project! The day included music, kid's activities, jellybean giveaways presentations, and interactive general plan items for community members to provide feedback and input on the plan. The GPU team was on-site between 11 a.m. – 12 noon.

### Building Safety Division

This week, the Building Safety Division has some exciting information to report. In the last 18 months, the Division has been working toward improving their operations and the effectiveness of their enforcement of the State mandated Building Standards Codes related to all construction within the City, and it is paying off. Earlier this year, the ISO (Insurance Services Office) began their four-year audit of the Division's effectiveness of enforcement of these mandated codes. These improvements resulted in the Building Safety Division's ISO rating improving from a three to a two! The audit reviews three aspects of jurisdiction operations; plan review, inspection, and administration.





## Community & Economic Development (Continued) -

The difference in the Division's increase was in administering the codes and the recent increase in their training budget, increasing their score over 21% from the previous audit in this area. This is a great benefit to the community. This new, improved rating will effectually lower insurance rates on structures built after 4/13/2021. The Building Safety Division still has many improvements in the works. It already has its eyes on achieving a rating of one, which is less than 2% of the nation's jurisdictions. The Chief Building Official would like to recognize the hard work and dedication of all the Division's staff. Thank you all for helping to improve the health and safety of where we all live and work.



### Planning Commission Meeting of April 14, 2021.

The Planning Commission unanimously approved two items at their meeting on April 14:

**New Popeyes Chicken Restaurant.** The Commission had previously approved a Taco Bell with drive through for the site, on East Alaska Drive, just east of North Texas Street in 2018. The proponent returned to the Planning Commission for approval of a nearly identical project, with two changes, a slightly smaller building and revised architecture, and the addition of a pre-order pickup lane.

**Canon Station Development Agreement.** The Commission recommended that the City Council approve a series of amendments to the Development Agreement with Canon Station, LLC in the Train Station Specific Plan area. Notably, the amendment would give the City full control over design and construction of a new Fire Station in Northeast Fairfield, and would ensure payment by the developer of \$3.7 million to the City for purchase of land owned by the City east of the Train Station.



## Infrastructure

### Heart of Fairfield – Contract Award for Bollard Project

The Public Works Department opened bids on April 8 for the Heart of Fairfield Bollard Project. This capital project is intended to improve the experience at special events and is a new way to program and activate the Texas Street corridor **(the photo provides an example of installed bollards.)**



In preparation for upcoming summer festivities, the contract specifications include provisions for work on Texas Street between Jefferson and Jackson to be completed by May 21, 2021. The remaining scope of work is anticipated to be completed before June 18, 2021. Six bids were received and ranged in price from \$266,250 to \$653,100. The Engineer's Estimate was \$260,000. The apparent low bidder is Kerex Engineering Inc., of Pleasant Hill, California (Kerex), in the amount of \$266,250.

## Organizational Stability / Finance –

### **Utility Account Past Due Collections:**

At Midyear, Council approved a position reclassification that would allow the Finance Department to dedicate additional resources towards delinquent utility account collections. Since mid-February, this position has recovered over \$40,000 in collections, and is on track to collect approximately \$60,000 by the end of the month.



This dedicated staff member reaches out to residents with relatively large past due accounts and offers payment plans to help residents stay on track and most importantly, prevent water shut-off when the moratorium on water shut-off expires (which is still unknown at this time).

## Marketing & Outreach Division (MOD)

### **What to watch for on Channel 26!**



### Meet Your Councilmember

Stay tuned for weekly videos introducing your City Council Members and the districts they represent. The first episode will be Councilmember Doriss Panduro.



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